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TAGS: APER, AMGT, AFS

SUBJECT: REPLACEMENT OF REGIONAL AID ATTACHE

REF: (A) STATE 083718; (B) ABU DHABI 1135

- 1. I AGREE COMPLETELY WITH AMB DICKMAN THAT REGIONAL AID ATTACHE POSITION SHOULD BE ABOLISHED. AS FAR AS DOHA IS CONCERNED, ITS CONTINUANCE WOULD NOT STAND SCRUTINY OF ZERO BASED BUDGETING. I ALSO AGREE THAT IT WOULD BE UNSEEMLY IF IT APPEARED THAT POSITION IS SUBJECT TO POLITICAL PATRONAGE.
- 2. ABOVE HAVING BEEN SAID, I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT CONTINUANCE OF ACTIVE COUNTRY-FINANCED SERVICES OPERATION FROM WASHINGTON. USAID OFFICE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN MOST RESPONSIVE AND EFFICIENT IN FIELDING OUR REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE. PROGRAM HAS VERY FAVORABLY IMPRESSED GOQ AS INDICATION OF USG INTEREST IN THIS COUNTRY EVEN THOUGH THERE HAS NOT YET BEEN MUCH FOLLOW-UP FROM QATARI SIDE. CONFIDENTIAL

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3. MY RECOMMENDATION THAT REGIONAL AID ATTACHE POSITION BE ABOLISHED IS NO RPT NO REFLECTION ON THE INCUMBENT BOB DODSON, WHO HAS WORKED CONSCIENTIOUSLY, COOPERATIVELY AND EFFECTIVELY DURING HIS SEVERAL VISITS TO DOHA. HOWEVER, THOUGH HE HAS GIVEN US ABLE ASSISTANCE, EMBASSY CAN HANDLE WHAT PROGRAM THERE IS HERE WITHOUT HIM OR ANY SUCCESSOR.

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